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[1](#)B. NEELY-HARDIMAN EMAIL 28OCT05
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Classified By: AIT DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID J. KEEGAN,
REASONS 1.4 B, C, D.

[1](#)1. (S) Summary: Taiwan has issued an advance notice of an amendment to its regulations that would partially meet Taiwan's commitments under the August 2005 export control "gameplan." End summary.

[1](#)2. (S) Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) Export Control Task Force Head Wally Su called AIT on May 3 to let us know that in a letter dated May 1 the Minister of Economic Affairs had cleared an advance notice of changes to Taiwan's export control regulations that will go some way toward meeting Taiwan's commitments under the export control gameplan agreed to in August 2005. The notice, which has been posted on the BOFT website (<http://www.trade.gov.tw>), allows seven days (from May 1) for public comment on the proposed changes to the regulation titled "Categories of Strategic High-Tech Commodities and Restricted Areas." BOFT indicated the changes would become effective shortly after the end of the comment period.

[1](#)3. (SBU) The changes to the regulations are fairly simple: The main change is adding the 89-item list (refs A and B, referred to in the notice as the "sensitive commodity list for exports to Iran and North Korea") to the categories of goods requiring export, transit, and transshipment licenses. It also clearly stated that all commodities in all Sensitive High-Tech Commodity (SHTC) categories must have official approval before transiting, transshipping, or being stored in bonded warehouses. The 89 item list is available in both English and Chinese on the BOFT website, but the notice itself is currently only posted in Chinese.

[1](#)4. (S) BOFT indicated that it was still seeking to expand the 89 item list to include additional items that U.S.

agencies had designated as sensitive.

15. (S) Comment: While the 89 item list falls far short of the number of items we wanted added to Taiwan's SHTC, it is a step in the right direction. It will be interesting to see to what extent Taiwan is able to implement even this step given the capacity limitations and technical issues reported ref C.

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